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CAMP VERDE MAN SENTENCED IN DEATH OF TODDLER

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Micah James Jenkins, 25, of Camp Verde, Arizona, was sentenced here to 17 and a half years in the Bureau of Prisons by U.S. District Judge Steven M. McNamee. Jenkins had pleaded guilty on July 31, 2006 to Second Degree Murder in the death of his girlfriend's three and a half year old son.

Jenkins was babysitting his girlfriend's children, including the victim, when he indicated the victim began choking on a cookie. He then hit the child across the face several times as hard as he could in an attempt, he claimed, to dislodge the cookie. The victim stopped breathing and died of blunt force head trauma the next day.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Yavapai-Apache Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The prosecution was handled by Dyanne C. Greer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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